

In the Claims:

Kindly rewrite the claims to read as follows:

1. (Currently amended) Device for production of an upper anchorage for prefabricated steps (2) for thea pool of a swimming pool, characterized in that it ~~comprisescomprising~~ at least one element (4), the cross section of which is formed such as shaped to act as a spout for casting concrete, the ~~saidat least one~~ element(s) (4) co-operating firstly with support means (6) which can be connected to the steps, and secondly with posts (5) for support on the ground, the ~~at least one~~ element(s) (4) being designed to surround the ~~surrounding an~~ upper part of the ~~an~~ outer surface of the steps (2).

2. (Currently amended) Device according to Claim 1, characterized in ~~thatwherein~~ the at least one element(s) (4) is (are) in communication with the posts (5) which posts are hollow for casting the concrete.

3. (Currently amended) Device according to Claim 1, characterized in ~~thatwherein~~ the at least one element(s) (4) has (have) positioning fixtures, for centring and abutment of the posts (5).

4. (Currently amended) Device according to claim 1, characterized in ~~thatwherein~~ the support means (6) consist of ~~comprise~~ flanges or load-bearing fixtures which have a cross section formed such that they can be clipped onto the an upper level of the steps (2), and ensure the support of the at least one element(s) (4).

5. (Currently amended) Device according to Claim 1, characterized in ~~thatwherein~~ the at least one element(s) (4) has (have) a squared transverse cross section, thea horizontal wing of which can be positioned such that it is supported against the outer surface of the steps.

6. (Currently amended) Device according to Claim 4 characterized in that ~~wherein~~ the flanges or load-bearing fixtures (6) delimit a transverse cross section substantially in the form of a "U" or an "L".

7. (Currently amended) Device according to Claim 1, characterized in that it ~~has~~having a plurality of elements (4), the transverse ends of which have imbrication fixtures with an adjacent element in order to ensure continuity.

8. (Currently amended) Device according to claim 7, characterized in that ~~the~~wherein a horizontal wing of each element (4) has a profiled support edge which corresponds to ~~the~~a profile of the outer surface of the steps, ~~the~~and a vertical wing ~~consisting of~~comprising two shoulders which are disposed angularly.

9. (Currently amended) Device according to Claim 3 or Claim 4, characterized in that ~~wherein~~ the positioning fixtures of the elements (4) for positioning, centring and abutment of the posts (5) are disposed in ~~the~~a horizontal wing of ~~the~~ at least one element at ~~the~~a level of ~~the~~the intersection of ~~the~~two shoulders, which are disposed angularly, of a vertical wing of the at least one element.

10. (Currently amended) Device according to Claim 1, characterized in that ~~wherein~~ after being connected to the steps, (2), the at least one element(s) (4) is-(are) in continuity with an upper anchorage (3) provided by panels (1) which can constitute of the pool of the swimming pool.